



General Practice-Return to Practice Nursing

Interested in wanting to do general practice nursing but your NMC registration has lapsed?

The University of Bedfordshire is offering a fully funded bespoke General Practice Nursing/Return to Practice Nursing course to support regaining your NMC registration and designed for gaining experience in General Practice Nursing.

If your NMC registration has lapsed for more than 12 months you can apply to do the course.

How can practices support you?

GP practices can provide opportunities for the student to be working alongside a GPN to enable completion of the NMC competencies. A sign off mentor will be required. If a practice does not have a sign off mentor, it is possible that a sign off mentor from another practice could be arranged to assist with supporting that nurse. The sign off mentor does not need to be working with the student continuously but 40% of the mentoring should be with a sign off mentor.

The course is six months long. Study days are one per month.

This cover will address the mandatory NMC competencies for the Return to Practice Nursing course with the following additional components in understanding the GPN role:

- An understanding of the influence of health and social policy relevant to general practice nursing
- An understanding of the requirements of legislation, guidelines, codes of practice and policies relevant to general practice nursing
- An understanding of the current structure and organisation of care, nationally and locally
- An understanding of current issues in general practice nursing
- The ability to identify and assess need, design and implement interventions and evaluate outcomes in all relevant areas of practice
- The ability to use appropriate communications, teaching and learning skills
- Conduct effective consultations
- The ability to function effectively in a team and participate in a multi-professional approach to people's care
- The ability to identify strengths and weaknesses, acknowledge limitations of competence, and recognise the importance of maintaining and developing professional competence.

The course starts end of October

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